

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC NAMES
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
DOMESTIC GEOGRAPHIC NAME PROPOSAL

Proposed name
WILLAPA HILLS

State **Washington**

County **Grays Harbor, Pacific, Lewis, Wahkiakum**

Reason for Proposal:
Check appropriate box(es)

Controversial name ☐ Name change ☐

Changed application ☐ Other ☒

Is name in local use?
No ☐ Yes ☐ If Yes, approx. No. of years _____

Location of Feature Latitude _____° _____' _____" N. Section(s) _____ T. _____ R. _____

Longitude _____° _____' _____" W. _____ Meridian

Brief description of feature:

An individual segment of Coast Ranges (Decision List 5401), extending from the Columbia River on the south to the Chehalis River on the North.

MAPS USING PROPOSED NAME	VARIANT SPELLING OR OTHER NAME	MAP SHOWN ON
SEE ATTACHED SHEET		

Available information as to origin, spelling, and meaning of the proposed name and/or statement concerning nature of difference in usage or application:

Use of the name Willapa Hills is associated with the community of Willapa (settled in 1852), Willapa Bay, and Willapa River. Geologically, this area is essentially an extension of the (Oregon) Coast Range, resulting in some usage of "Coast Range" in connection with descriptions of geologic origin of the hills. There has been increased usage of Willapa Hills as the geographic name in recent years.

AUTHORITY FOR NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION

Indicate number of people consulted other than above authorities: _____

Maps and References using Proposed Name:

Washington (Guidebook - Federal Writers Project), 1941, 1950 P.6,
 accompanying map (compiled 1939)
State Dept. of Conservation, Division of Geology, Geology of Washington,
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 Eocene Stratigraphy of the Lower Cowlitz River - eastern
 Willapa Hills area, S.W. Washington, 1956, D. A. Henrikson;
 Caves of Washington, 1963, Inf. Circ.40, Wm. R. Halliday, P.1
Introduction to Washington Geology and Resources, 1953, C. D. Campbell,
 State Div. Mines and Geology, Information Circular 22, P.119
Landforms of the Northwestern United States, 1941, Erwin Raisz
Willapa Bay: Its Historical and Regional Geography, 1956,
 Jean Hazeltine, P. 8 and Fig. 4
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Parke D. Snively and Holly C. Wagner, geologists of the Geological Survey,
Menlo Park office, point out that all publications of the Washington State
Dept. of Conservation now use the name Willapa Hills for the area described
in this name report.